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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Submitted herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement as required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. For each foreign patent document that does not contain at least a partial translation, a brief statement of relevance follows:

Austrian-German Patent No. 76186 – This patent appears to describe a light sensor-based safety system for a band saw, as illustrated in the figures.

Swiss Patent No. 297525 – This patent appears to describe a press with a light curtain to detect misplacement of hands, as illustrated in the figures.

Respectfully submitted,

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